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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL HYDROLOGICAL DECADE END OF DECADE  
CONFERENCE: SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPATION

1. MCKITTERICK, ACTING HEAD OF UNESCO BUREAU OF RELATIONS  
WITH MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS,  
ADVISED DELOFF TODAY OF SECRETARIAT CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE  
MOVE TO EXCLUDE SOUTH AFRICA FROM PARTICIPATING IN  
SUBJECT CONFERENCE. SHE SAID THAT SECRETARIAT HAD NOT  
RPT NOT YET HAD ANY SOLID INDICATION THAT AN ANTI-SOUTH  
AFRICAN MOVE IS ACTUALLY UNDER WAY. HOWEVER, THERE IS  
STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT ISSUE WILL ARISE.

2. SUBJECT CONFERENCE JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY IHD (UNESCO)  
AND WMO. AS SOUTH AFRICA A MEMBER OF WMO, IT WAS  
INVITED TO AND WILL PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE WHICH  
OPENS SEPTEMBER 2. MCKITTERICK ADVISED THAT LAST SPRING  
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WMO REGIONAL AFRICAN ASSOCIATION HAD FORMALLY BARRED

SOUTH AFRICA FROM REGIONAL ACTIVITIES. SHE NOTED THAT NIGERIAN DELEGATE TO THIS MEETING IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF WMO AFRICAN REGIONAL GROUP.

3. IN RESPONSE TO MCKITTERICK'S QUERY DELOFF ADVISED THAT US DELEGATION TO SUBJECT CONFERENCE DID NOT HAVE INSTRUCTIONS ON RESPONSE TO A POSSIBLE CHALLENGE OF SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPATION.

4. PERMDEL WOULD RECOMMEND THAT US POSITION BE ONE OF OPPOSITION TO ANY MEASURE SEEKING EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM SUBJECT CONFERENCE WITH EXPLANATION THAT US OPPOSES INCLUSION OF POLITICAL ISSUES IN DELIBERATIONS OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL AGENCIES. PERMDEL WOULD RECOMMEND ABSTENTION ON POSSIBLE MOTION FOR CENSURE WITHOUT EXPULSION. ACCORDING SECRETARIAT MAJOR COUNTRIES, INCLUDING USSR, DO NOT WISH TO SEE SOUTH AFRICAN ISSUE ARISE BUT SOVIETS, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD BE OBLIGED TO SUPPORT LDC'S.

5. DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED IN TIME FOR OPENING OF CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 2. STONE UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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